

13:69D-1.36 Slot machines and bill changers; coin and slot token containers; slot cash storage boxes; entry authorization logs

(a) Except as provided in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.54(a), each slot machine located in a casino shall have the following coin, prize token or slot token containers, the location, design and security of which shall be subject to the approval of the Division pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.20:

1. At least one but no more than three types of containers, each to be known as a payout reserve container ("hopper"), in which coins, prize tokens or slot tokens are retained by the slot machine to automatically pay jackpots, to dispense change as directed by a bill changer connected to the slot machine or to automatically replenish another hopper in the slot machine with coins, slot tokens or prize tokens; provided however, that:

i. Coins or slot tokens inserted into the coin acceptor of the slot machine shall be retained in a separate hopper, known as an "all-purpose hopper," that shall:

(1) Accept coin or slot tokens of the same denomination, and only such coin or slot tokens;

(2) Be capable of paying out or dispensing only coin or slot tokens of the same denomination as jackpots or as change; and

(3) Be designed to divert accepted coins or slot tokens that exceed the capacity of the hopper from the hopper to the slot drop bucket or, if applicable, the slot drop box;

ii. Prize tokens shall be retained only in a separate hopper, known as a "payout-only hopper," that shall be:

(1) Filled with prize tokens of the same denomination exclusively through a hopper fill or an automatic deposit by a reserve hopper pursuant to (a)1iii below;

(2) Capable of retaining and making jackpot payouts only of prize tokens of the same denomination; and

(3) Incapable of making change or of accepting any coin or slot token upon insertion thereof into the slot machine's coin acceptor;

iii. Coins, slot tokens or prize tokens may also be retained in a separate hopper, known as a "reserve hopper," that shall be:

(1) Filled with either coin, slot tokens or prize tokens of the same denomination, and only such coin, slot tokens or prize tokens, exclusively through a hopper fill or an automatic deposit by another reserve hopper pursuant to this subparagraph;

(2) Capable of automatically depositing coins, slot tokens or prize tokens into a separate and appropriate hopper in the slot machine when the separate hopper is empty, or when the coin, slot tokens or prize tokens in the separate hopper reach a predetermined level approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.41(a); and

(3) Incapable of paying out jackpots, dispensing change or of accepting any coin or slot token upon insertion thereof into the slot machine's coin acceptor;

iv. Notwithstanding (a)1ii above, coins or slot tokens of the same denomination that are placed in a payout-only hopper exclusively through hopper fills may be retained in that hopper to make payouts to winning patrons, subject to the Division's inspection of the machine as part of the review of that machine and of the internal controls therefor;

v. Notwithstanding (a)1ii above, coins or slot tokens of the same denomination may be placed in a payout-only hopper and retained in that hopper to make payouts to winning patrons, provided that:

(1) The use of a payout-only hopper for such purpose shall be subject to the Division's inspection of the machine and the internal controls governing such use;

(2) Coins or slot tokens shall be placed in the payout-only hopper exclusively through hopper fills; and

(3) No prize tokens shall be placed in or retained by a payout-only hopper that retains coins or slot tokens pursuant to this subparagraph; and

vi. Unless the hoppers on a slot machine with multiple hoppers either each contain the same denomination of coin, slot tokens or prize tokens, or are connected to win meters that satisfy the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(b)4i and 19:46-1.26(c)5i or 19:45-1.37(b)4ii and 19:46-1.26(c)5ii, each automatic pay jackpot of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens that is made from a multiple hopper slot machine on a round of play shall be paid out only on the round of play when the jackpot is hit and only from one of the machine's hoppers for any jackpot that is hit on that round, and no casino licensee shall offer or provide a jackpot at such slot machine that will be paid out from more than one hopper for any jackpot that is hit on the same round;

2. A container, known as a slot drop bucket or slot drop box, to collect coins or slot tokens that are retained by the slot machine and are not used to make change or automatic jackpot payouts. Each slot drop bucket or slot drop box shall be identified by a number which corresponds to the asset number of the slot machine, and which is permanently imprinted on or affixed to the outside of the slot drop bucket or slot drop box in numerals. The number must be conspicuous and clearly visible to persons involved in removing or replacing the slot drop bucket or slot drop box in the slot machine and through the casino licensee's closed circuit camera coverage system. In addition to bearing an asset number, each slot drop bucket or slot drop box may also be identified by a bar code label that is securely affixed thereto. Each bar code label affixed to a slot drop bucket or slot drop box shall be:

i. Encoded, at a minimum, with the asset number of the slot machine in which the slot drop bucket or slot drop box is housed; and

ii. Prepared in accordance with a casino licensee's approved internal controls, which controls shall require, without limitation, the completion of a Bar Code Label Request Form that is signed by the requester and the preparer; provided, however, that a bar code label prepared by a member of the count team shall be tested and verified by a count room supervisor or representative of the casino accounting department, other than a member of the count team, prior to the label being attached to the slot drop bucket or slot drop box.

3. On those slot machines which include a bill changer, a container known as a slot cash storage box, in which currency and coupons accepted by the bill changer are retained. The slot cash storage box shall be accessible only by a dedicated bill changer drop door that can be opened without opening the slot machine's main door or any other compartment of the slot machine.

(b) A slot drop bucket shall be housed in a secure compartment separate from any other compartment of the slot machine. The compartment shall have a locking system, which shall be maintained and controlled by the casino security department with a sign-in and sign-out procedure in a secure area within that department, access to which may be gained only by a casino security department supervisor.

(c) A slot drop box shall have:

1. A slotted opening through which coins and slot tokens can be deposited;

2. A device that will automatically close and lock the slotted opening upon removal of the slot drop box from the slot machine; and

3. A locking system securing the contents of the slot drop box which shall be maintained and controlled by the accounting department, utilizing a sign-in, sign out procedure, in a secure area

within that department, access to which may be gained only by a supervisor in that department.

(d) A slot drop box shall be housed in a secure compartment separate from any other compartment of the slot machine. The area in which the slot drop box is located shall be secured by a locking system, which shall be different from the locking system securing the contents of the slot drop box, and which shall be maintained and controlled by the casino security department in a secure area within that department, utilizing a sign-in, sign-out procedure.

(e) Any slot machine equipped to accept slot tokens in denominations of \$25.00 or more shall utilize a slot drop box, rather than a slot drop bucket.

(f) The compartment in which the slot cash storage box is located shall be:

1. Separate from and accessible independently of any other compartment of the slot machine, the slot drop bucket or the slot drop box; and

2. Secured by a locking system, which shall be different from the locking system securing the contents, and which shall be maintained and controlled by the casino security department utilizing a sign-in, sign-out procedure.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in (b), (c) and (d) above, control of each locking system in each slot machine, or any device connected thereto which may affect the operation of the slot machine, including, without limitation, control of the means that activate a jackpot-to-credit-meter switch, shall be maintained in a secure place and controlled by the slot department.

(h) Any control of a locking system transferred from a department's secure area pursuant to (b), (c), (d), or (g) above, shall be relinquished no later than the end of the shift of the department member

to whom control was transferred, and the department shall establish a sign-out and sign-in procedure for all such transfers of control.

(j) Unless a computer which automatically records the information specified in (j)1, 2, 3, and 4 below is connected to the slot machines in the casino, the following entry authorization logs shall be maintained by the casino licensee:

1. Whenever a slot machine, or any device connected thereto, is opened, with the exception of a bill changer, certain information shall be recorded on a form to be entitled "Machine Entry Authorization Log." The information shall include, at a minimum, the date, time, purpose of opening the machine or device, and the signature of the authorized employee opening the machine or device. The Machine Entry Authorization Log shall be maintained in the slot machine and shall have recorded thereon a sequential number and a manufacturer's serial number or the asset number of that slot machine.

2. Whenever it is required that a progressive controller not housed within the cabinet of a slot machine be opened, the information specified in (j)1 above shall be recorded on a form to be entitled "Progressive Entry Authorization Log." The Progressive Entry Authorization Log shall be maintained in the progressive unit and shall have recorded thereon a sequential number and serial number of the progressive controller.

3. With the exception of the transportation of slot cash storage boxes, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.17(a), whenever it is required that a bill changer, other than a separate slot cash storage box compartment, be opened, certain information shall be recorded on a form to be entitled "Bill Changer Log." The information shall include, at a minimum, the date, time, purpose of opening the bill changer, and the signature of the authorized employee opening the bill changer. The Bill Changer Log shall be maintained in the bill changer and shall have recorded thereon a sequential number and the serial number or asset

number of the bill changer. If the bill changer is contained completely within the cabinet of a slot machine and there is no separate access to the bill changer unit, the information may be recorded on the Machine Entry Authorization Log required by (j)1 above, provided that any information that concerns the opening of the bill changer may be distinguished from any information that concerns the opening of the slot machine or any other device connected thereto.

4. Whenever it is required that a printer for an approved gaming voucher system be accessed, the date, time, purpose of such access, and the signature of the authorized employee shall be recorded in the log required by either (j)1 or (j)3 above.